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Mr. John R. Morrissette Manager Transmission Siting & Permitting Northeast Utilities Service Company 107 Selden Street Berlin, Connecticut 06037

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SITING COUNCIL

Re:

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T")

Woodbridge, Connecticut Siting Council Docket No. 388

Dear Mr. Morrissette:

It was a pleasure speaking with you and your colleagues last week regarding the above referenced matter. As I mentioned on the telephone, Mr. Robert Gray and others within Connecticut Light and Power ("CL&P") have been very helpful with respect to AT&T's efforts to learn more about CL&P's siting policies and the limitations on AT&T's ability to utilize various transmission infrastructure in the State of Connecticut as antenna support structures. Indeed, our client was able to effectively testify before the Siting Council in this regard with information previously provided by CL&P and generally within its knowledge having worked with CL&P on joint projects for numerous years.

Nevertheless and as we discussed, the Siting Council has requested that we endeavor to obtain additional information from CL&P and Northeast Utilities as its parent corporation. Some specifically relates to CL&P's transmission infrastructure along State Route 69 in the Town of Woodbridge and other to various policies CL&P may maintain related to its infrastructure generally. In this regard, we are seeking additional information regarding the following:

- 1) The status of the two 115 kv circuits and one 345 kv circuit on transmission structures located in a right-of-way near State Route 69 in the Town of Woodbridge as approved in Siting Council Docket 272. The Council is specifically looking for information on the CL&P rating system as it relates to CL&P's transmission reliability requirements for this infrastructure.
- 2) The CL&P terms and conditions upon which a replacement transmission tower might be constructed by AT&T in this specific right-of-way near its overpass on Dillon Road including costs, outage requirements and timing of same. Of note, AT&T would require an approximately 170' structure at a ground elevation around 300' AMSL.
- 3) Whether construction of a stand alone telecommunications tower site within CL&P's transmission right-of-way is permitted by CL&P.



4) Any CL&P policy(ies) related to construction of stand alone telecommunication towers on private parcels adjacent to CL&P transmission lines (i.e. setback requests).

We recognize that CL&P is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding pending before the Siting Council. Further, our office is keenly aware of your obligations and regulations that potentially limit disclosure of various information as it relates to any critical infrastructure maintained by CL&P. Thus, we would simply ask that CL&P provide AT&T with information to the extent possible so that we may further explain to the Siting Council why use of CL&P's infrastructure in this part of the State is not feasible for AT&T in the development of its own critical infrastructure needed for the reliable provision of wireless services to the public.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Very truly yours.

Christopher B. Fisher

cc: Hon. Daniel Caruso, Chairman of the Connecticut Siting Council

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